



THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC  
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

# THE CONCERT CHOIR

LARRY COOK, chorus master

and

# THE ST. CECILIA ORCHESTRA

MICHAEL BOWIE, conductor

Friday, November 29, 1974

8:00 p.m.

Convocation Hall

Arts Building



## PROGRAM

### CONCERTO GROSSO IN F MAJOR, OP. 6, NO. 12 ..... Arcangelo Corelli

Adagio  
Allegro  
Sarabanda (Vivace)  
Giga (Allegro)

Ann Pelletier and Robert Hryciw, violins  
Betsy Bryden, cello

### SYMPHONY NO. 2 IN B MINOR ..... Alexander Borodin

Allegro  
Scherzo (Prestissimo)  
Andante  
Finale (Allegro)

## INTERMISSION

### MESSIAH, A SACRED ORATORIO ..... George Frederick Handel

Part I:

1. Sinfonia (Overture)
2. Comfort ye my people **Recit.**
3. Ev'ry valley shall be exalted **Air**
4. And the glory of the Lord **Chorus**
5. Thus saith the Lord **Recit.**
6. But who may abide the day of his coming **Air**
7. And he shall purify **Chorus**
8. Behold, a virgin shall conceive **Recit.**
9. O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion **Air and Chorus**
10. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth **Recit.**
11. The people that walked in darkness **Air**
12. For unto us a child is born **Chorus**
13. Pifa ("Pastoral Symphony")
14. (a) There were shepherds abiding in the field **Recit.**  
(b) And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them **Recit.**
15. And the angel said unto them **Recit.**
16. And suddenly there was with the angel **Recit.**
17. Glory to God **Chorus**
18. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion **Air\***
19. Then shall the eyes of the blind **Recit.**
20. He shall feed his flock **Air**
21. His yoke is easy, and his burden is light **Chorus**

Jacqueline Preuss and Sandra Gavinchuk\*, sopranos

Barbara Prowse, alto

David Speers, tenor

Randal Lecky, bass

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## TEXT

### 1. Sinfonia

### 2. Recit.

Comfort ye, comfort ye My people,  
saith your God,  
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem,  
and cry unto her,  
that her warfare is accomplished,  
that her iniquity is pardoned.  
The voice of him that crieth in the  
wilderness;  
prepare ye the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway  
for our God.

### 3. Air

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted,  
and ev'ry mountain and hill made low;  
the crooked straight  
and the rough places plain.

### 4. Chorus

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together:  
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

### 5. Recit.

Thus saith the Lord of Hosts:  
Yet once a little while and I will shake the  
heavens and the earth,  
the sea and the dry land.  
And I will shake all nations;  
and the desire of all nations shall come.  
The Lord whom ye seek,  
shall suddenly come to His temple,  
even the messenger of the covenant,  
whom ye delight in; behold, He shall come,  
saith the Lord of Hosts,

### 6. Air

But who may abide the day of His coming?  
and who shall stand when He appeareth?  
For He is like a refiner's fire.

### 7. Chorus

And He shall purify the sons of Levi,  
that they may offer unto the Lord  
an offering in righteousness.

### 8. Recit.

Behold a virgin shall conceive  
and bear a Son,  
and shall call His name Emmanuel,  
God with us.

### 9. Air and chorus

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,  
get thee up into the high mountain.  
O thou that tellest good tidings  
to Jerusalem,  
lift up thy voice with strength;  
lift it up, be not afraid;  
say unto the cities of Judah,  
behold your God!  
Arise, shine, for thy light is come,  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

### 10. Recit.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and gross darkness the people;  
but the Lord shall arise upon thee,  
and His glory shall be seen upon thee.  
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light,  
and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

### 11. Air

The people that walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
and they that dwell in the land of the  
shadow of death,  
upon them hath the light shined.

### 12. Chorus

For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a Son is given,  
and the government shall be upon  
His shoulder;  
and His name shall be called Wonderful,  
Counsellor, The Mighty God,  
The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.



### **13. Pifa (Sinfonia pastorale)**

#### **14a. Recit.**

There were shepherds abiding in the field,  
keeping watch over their flocks by night.

#### **b. Recit.**

And, lo! the angel of the Lord  
came upon them,  
and the glory of the Lord shone  
round about them,  
and they were sore afraid.

#### **15. Recit.**

And the angel said unto them: Fear not,  
for behold, I bring you good tidings  
of great joy,  
which shall be to all people.  
For unto you is born this day in the  
city of David a Saviour,  
which is Christ the Lord.

#### **16. Recit.**

And suddenly there was with the  
angel a multitude of the heavenly  
host praising God, and saying:

#### **17. Chorus**

Glory to God in the highest, and  
peace on earth, good will towards men.

#### **18. Air**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion;  
shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, thy King cometh unto thee;  
He is the righteous Saviour,  
and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.

#### **19. Recit.**

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.  
Then shall the lame man leap as an hart,  
and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

#### **20. Air**

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd;  
and He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
and carry them in His bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.  
Come unto Him, all ye that labour,  
ye that are heavy laden, and  
He will give you rest.  
Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him,  
for He is meek and lowly of heart,  
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

#### **21. Chorus**

His yoke is easy, and His burthen is light.